

Tangoa language

Tangoa, or *Leon Tatagoa*, is an Oceanic language spoken on Tangoa Island, south of Espiritu Santo Island in Vanuatu. The community was an early settlement for Christian missionaries, leading to its use as a linguafranca in the area.^[3]

Characteristics

Tangoa is one of the few languages of Vanuatu, and indeed of the world, possessing a set of linguolabial consonants.

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Tangoa	
<i>Mara Tatagoa</i>	
Region	Tangoa Island, Vanuatu
Native speakers	800 (2001) ^[1]
Language family	Austronesian <ul style="list-style-type: none">Malayo-Polynesian<ul style="list-style-type: none">Oceanic<ul style="list-style-type: none">Southern Oceanic<ul style="list-style-type: none">Northern Vanuatu<ul style="list-style-type: none">Northeast Vanuatu – Banks Islands<ul style="list-style-type: none">West Santo<ul style="list-style-type: none">Tangoa
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	tgp
Glottolog	tang1347 (http://glottolog.org/resource/linguoid/id/tang1347) ^[2]

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